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## 2014 ROADCHECK IMPROVES INTERSTATE SAFETY

**LITTLE ROCK (6-6)** – This week, Arkansas Highway Police took part in the 2014 International Roadcheck to ensure commercial vehicles are safe, according to Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) officials.

Tuesday through Thursday, Arkansas Highway Police checked drivers for licenses, endorsements, medical card and hours-of-service documentation, and for seat belt usage and the use of alcohol or drugs. Vehicles were also inspected, including an examination of the braking system, coupling devices, exhaust system, frame, fuel system, lights, safe loading, steering mechanism, suspension, tires, van and open-top trailer bodies, wheels and rims, windshield wipers, and emergency exits on buses.

- **▶** 467 vehicles inspected
- > 1,303 violations found (some vehicles had multiple violations)
- > 106 commercial vehicles pulled out of service
- ➤ 45 drivers pulled out of service (Most exceeded hours of service)

Equipment	Total Offenses
Brakes	340
Lights	208
Tires	63
Windshields	52
Emergency Equipment	52

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